

EXAMPLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ESAT Mock: Mark Scheme

Biology

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Answer grid

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	C	10	H		
2	D				
3	A				
4	F				
5	H				
6	A				
7	C				
8	A				
9	A				

Totals

10 marks available, 1 mark per question. There is no negative marking, so a wrong answer scores zero and never a negative. Only the answer sheet is marked.

Diagnostic table

Use this to see which topics the cohort is losing marks on.

Q	Ans	Node	Group	Topic	Difficulty
1	C	B2.1	B2	Cells	★★☆☆☆
2	D	B4.2	B4	Genetics	★★☆☆☆
3	A	B4.1	B4	Know and understand the nucleus as a site of genetic material in eukaryotic cells	★★☆☆☆
4	F	B3.4	B3	Sex determination	★★☆☆☆
5	H	B9.2	B9	Human physiology	★★☆☆☆
6	A	B10.1	B10	Ecology	★★☆☆☆
7	C	B3.1	B3	Cell division	★☆☆☆☆
8	A	B1.3	B1	Know and understand the levels of organisation within organisms as	★★☆☆☆
9	A	B3.3	B3	Cell division and reproduction	★★☆☆☆
10	H	B8.3	B8	Enzymes and digestion	★★☆☆☆

Marks available by topic group

Group	Topic	Marks
B1	Cells and organisation	1
B2	Transport across membranes	1
B3	Cell division and reproduction	3
B4	Genetics	2
B8	Enzymes and digestion	1
B9	Human physiology	1
B10	Ecology	1
Total		10

Worked solutions for every question are in the separate worked solutions document.

Questions 11 to 27 are in the full paper

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